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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 30TH UNGA

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1. ROK AMBASSADOR TO KENYA HA KOO YOON, ACCOMPANIED BY KOREAN EMBASSY OFFICER FROM NAIROBI JAE KYU KIM, VISITED MAURITIUS SEPTEMBER 18-22. AMBASSADOR YOON PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS TO GOVERNOR GENERAL SEPTEMBER 22. ACCORDING TO PROMINENT LOCAL BUSINESSMAN WHO ACCOMPANIED YOON ON HIS CALL ON PRIME MINISTER SAME DAY, YOON WAS REASONABLY PLEASED WITH ASSURANCES OF PRIME MINISTER THAT MAURITIUS WOULD TAKE HELPFUL POSITION ON KOREAN ISSUE AT THIS YEAR'S UNGA.

2. IT WAS NOT CLEAR JUST HOW SPECIFIC RAMGOOLAM WAS WITH AMBASSADOR YOON, BUT I HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT PRIMIN HAS SHIFTED HIS POSITION FROM THAT OUTLINED IN REF B.

3. WE CAN STILL GIVE NO RELIABLE ASSURANCE THAT MAURITIUS WILL HAVE COURAGE TO VOTE AGAINST HOSTILE RESOLUTION, AND ALL CONCERNED SHOULD REALIZE THAT RAMGOOLAM IS NOT ONLY BOTH PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER BUT HE USUALLY ALLOWS NO ONE BUT HIMSELF TO MAKE IMPORTANT DECISIONS. NEVERTHELESS
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MAURITIAN PERMREP RAMPHUL HAS BEEN KNOWN TO FREEWHEEL ON HIS

OWN AND TRY TO PERSUADE RAMGOOLAM THAT HE MUST HAVE "FLEX-
IBILITY" TO CATER TO THIRD WORLD OR OTHER PRESSURES. WE
WILL TRY TO PIN RAMGOOLAM DOWN FURTHER ON KOREAN ISSUE AFTER
HE RETURNS TO MAURITIUS (NOW EXPECTED OCTOBER 15 OR 16),
BUT WE RECOMMEND USUN DO WHAT IT CAN TO PERSUADE RAMPHUL
AND RAMGOOLAM WHILE HE IS IN NEW YORK TO SUPPORT OUR
POSITION.

4. PLEASE ADVISE PROSPECTIVE TIMING OF KOREAN ITEM VOTE AS
SOON AS KNOWN.
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